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1. This communication is responsive to 9/4/09.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 13 and 17-20.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/4/09
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Rubin Blake/
Examiner, Art Unit 2457

/ARIO ETIENNE/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2457

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 13, and 17-20:

The features of claim 13 were not found to be taught or suggested by the prior art.

Specifically,

Estimating, by the server, a corresponding future data transfer size of the data actually stored on the first device, said estimating being based on a historic data transfer size for data previously transferred from the first device to the sever over the network, said schedule currently being based on the historic data transfer size for the first device;

Keeping track, by the server, of an off-line device of the plurality of devices that is off-line and information the off-line device's schedule for transferring data from the off-line device to the server as soon as the off-line device becomes on-line;

determining, by the server, when to upload new software from the server to the plurality of devices, taking into account a reduction in an effective communications bandwidth, said reduction resulting from the data transferred from the plurality of devices to the server.

With respect to keeping track of than off-line user, the examiner finds the applicants arguments' persuasive. The prior art (Payne) recites, "The information sources 12 thus provide the information basis for outgoing broadcast transmitted by the central broadcast server 34 through nationwide wireless broadcast network immediately or on a scheduled basis to both on- and off-line computers 14." Which assert that the preceding quote from Payne, col. 11, lines 56-

60 relates to data transfer from the server to the off-line device. In contrast, the preceding feature of claim 13 relates to data transfer from the off-line device to the server.

With respect to determining when to upload new software, the examiner finds the applicants arguments' persuasive. The prior art (Chefalas) discloses alternatively delivering a software product to a user by shipping the software product to the user instead of electronically delivering the software product to the user if the software product is too large for the bandwidth required for electronic delivery, which does not disclose waiting to deliver the software product electronically until there is available bandwidth for enabling an electronic delivery of the software product.

Claims 17-20 are dependent off of claim 13, and are therefore distinguishable over the prior art for the reasons above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BLAKE RUBIN whose telephone number is (571) 270-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R: 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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